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Re; Application # 10/005,644
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Dear Initial Patent Examiner:

If I am not mistaken, several months ago the Patent Office issued us correspondence indicating publication of our patent would occur in June or July. 2004. Since then there has been no further word.

If possible? Could you please look into its current status and advise.

Sincerely yours,

Russell B. Huffman

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